# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

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Environment Clearance
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Govenrment proposes to set up a new Board to expedite the environmental clearance to various projects in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the said initiative is restricted to the projects related to energy and infrastructural development sector;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) the details of projects pending for environmental clearance, State-wise; and
(f) the time by which these projects are likely to be approved in order to increase investment and speed up the development process in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) No Sir.
(b) to (d) Do not arise.
(e) to (f) The number of projects state wise, pending consideration for environmental clearance is given at Annexure. Details of these projects can be seen at Ministry's website.

The Ministry considers the project/activity for grant of environmental clearance as per provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.

The timelines prescribed in the Notification for various stages of clearance are:

â€¢ 30 days specified for prescribing the Terms of Reference (TORs);
(After 30 days the standard ToRs generated by the system are issued automatically. It has resulted in drastic reduction in timeline for prescribing of ToRs.)
â€¢ 45 days for public consultation (wherever applicable);
â€¢ 60 days for appraisal; and
â€¢ 45 days thereafter for communicating the decision to project proponent.

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